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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY -- PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application entitled:

CONVERTIBLE STRETCHER

specification of which
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was filed on _____
United States Application Serial No. _____
PCT International Application No. _____
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(if applicable)

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on which priority is claimed (as listed below) and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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Application Number	Filing Date

<u>60/132,930</u>	<u>May 6, 1999</u>
Application Number	Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(b) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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